ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF

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The forme of the Oath to be minis-

ſtred vnto the Church-wardens and
Side-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that you, and euerie of you, ſhall duely conſider, and diligently inquire, of all and euerie of theſe Articles giuen you in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide; you ſhall preſent all and euery ſuch perſon of or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in theſe, or any of theſe Articles; or which are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed of any ſuch offence or default: Wherein you ſhall deale vprightly and fully: neither preſenting, nor ſparing to preſent any, contrarie to truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth and vertue, and to ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and the holy contents of this Booke.

ARTICLES TO BE EN-quired of in the Dioceſſe of Norwich, ANNO DOM. 1619.

Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine. *Titul. 1.*

1 WHether be there any abiding, or reſorting to your Pariſh, that haue wilfully maintained and defended any hereſies, errors, or falſe opinions, contrarie to the faith of Chriſt, and holy Scripture. Hereticall opinions.

2 *Item*, Whether doth any in your Pariſh, being 16. years of age or vpwards, or others lodging, or commonly reſorting to any houſe in your pariſh, wilfully abſent themſelues from your pariſh Church, Chappell, or Oratorie, vpon Sundaies and holidaies, and other daies appointed, at Morning and Euening prayers. Or who come late to Church, and depart from Church before diuine Seruice and Sermon bee ended. Or whether be there any, that perſwade others to forbeare and abſtaine comming to Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion according to his Maieſties lawes in that behalfe enacted. Abſence from Church.

3 *Item*, Whether be there any in your pariſh, that hath bin, or is vehemently ſuſpected to haue beene preſent at any vnlawfull aſſemblies, conuenticles, or meetings, vnder colour or pretence of any exerciſe of Religion; or doth any affirme and maintaine ſuch meeting to be lawfull, contrary to his Maieſties ſtatutes in that behalfe. Vnlawfull Conuenticles.

4 *Item*, Whether be there any within your pariſh that deny, or perſwade any to deny, withſtand, and impugne the Kings Maieſties authoritie and Supremacie in cauſes Eccleſiaſticall within his Realme. Impugners of the Kings Supremacie.

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Popish Recusants.

5 *Item*, Whether be there any abiding, or resorting to your Parish that be, or are commóly reputed to be ill affected in matters of Religion professed in our Church, or taken to be Recusant Papists, refusing to repaire vnto the Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the holy Communion, and beeing disobedient to his Highnesse Lawes in that behalfe prouided. Or doe any publish, sell, or disperse any superstitious books or writings; or other books, libells, or writings of any lectuaries touching the Religion, State, or Ecclesiasticall gouernement of this Kingdome of England. Present their names, qualities and conditions. Doe any Papist keepe a schoolemaster in his house, which commeth not to Church as is required. What is his name, and how long hath he taught there or elsewhere.

Titul. 2.

Articles concerning Publique Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments.

Deprauing the Booke of common Prayer, & Ceremonies.

FIrst, Whether hath any of your parish spoken, or declared any thing in the derogation, or deprauing of the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies set forth and prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer by the Kings Maiestie authorised and confirmed. Doe any preach, speak, or declare, that it conteineth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures.

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2 *Item*, Whether hath any in your parish caused, procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publike prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper otherwise, or in any other manner and forme, then is mentioned in the said book of Common Prayer: Or whether hath any interrupted, hindred, let, or disturbed the Minister to read diuine seruice, and administer the Sacraments in such manner and forme, as is mentioned in the said booke, or interrupted him in his preachings and Sermons.

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3 *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duly administred according to the prescript Forme expressed in the book of Common Prayer, with due obseruation of all Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the administration of the same, without adding, or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not vsing the signe of the Crosse in the administration of the same.

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4 *Item*, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme deferred longer then the next Sunday or Holiday immediately following the birth of the Child.

5 *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to be administred to any children borne in or out of wedlock, their birth being made

knowne to the Minister of the parish, and offered vnto him to be baptized, or haue any such children died vnbaptized.

6 *Item*, Whether be the Parents of any child to be baptized, admitted to be godfathers, and godmothers to the same. — Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

7 *Item*, Whether haue there any children bin baptized in priuate houses by any Lay person, or midwife, or Popish Priest, or by any other Minister, but vpon vrgent occasion when the child was in danger of death. — Priuate Baptisme.

8 *Item*, Whether haue the children which haue been borne to any Popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your parish, beene publikely baptized in your parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate; or by whom were they baptized, or where to your knowledge. — Baptizing of Papists childrē.

9 *Item*, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper bin duly and reuerently administred euery moneth, or thrice euery yeare at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church to euery parishioner beeing of sixteene yeares of age, or vpwards. — Receiuing of the Lords Supper thrice a yeare.

10 *Item*, Whether is the said holy Sacrament deliuered vnto, or receiued by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that vnreuerently sit or stand, or doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees. — Kneeling at the Communion.

11 *Item*, Whether hath any of your Parish which be openly knowne to liue in notorious sinne without repentance, or excōmunicate persons, or Schismatikes, common and notorious deprauers of the Religion and gouernement of this Realme, without vnfained sorrow showne for their impietie and wickednesse, beene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion. — Notorious offenders admitted to the communion.

12 *Item*, Whether hath any of your Parish bin debarred from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without intimation first giuen to the ordinary or Bishop of the Diocese: and by whose default. — Debarring others without cause.

Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches Possessions. — *Titul.* 3.

FIrst, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest Volume, and of the last translation, the Booke of common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties authority, the two bookes of Homilies, and Bishop Iewells Apologie, all well and fairely bound: A Font of stone set vp in the ancient vsuall place: A conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually laid vpon the table at time of diuine Seruice, and a faire linnen cloath at the time of administring the Communion. And whether is the same Table placed conueniently as it ought. And whether is it so vsed in or out of time of Diuine Seruice or Sermon, as is not agreeable — Books and ornaments in the Church. — Abusing of the Communion Table.

to the holy vse of it; as by sitting on it, and by throwing hats on it, or writing on it; or is it abused to other prophaner vses. Are the tenne Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about.

Things apperteyning to Churches.

2 *Item*, Whether haue you in your said Church or Chappel, a conuenient seat for your Minister to read diuine seruice in, together with a comly Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same; a comely, large, and fine Surplice, a faire Communion Cup, a flagon of Siluer, or Peuter, with all other things and ornaments necessarie for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments: and whether haue you a Chest for Almes with three locks and keies, and another chest for keeping the books and Ornaments of the Church, and the Register booke. Haue you a Register booke in parchment for Christnings, Weddings, and Burialls, and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons. And haue you a Table set in your Church of the degrees wherein by law men are prohibited to marrie?

Regiſter Books

Reparations of Churches, and parsonage houses.

3 *Item*, Whether is your Church or Chappel with the Chauncel therof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, your Parish Almes-house and Church-house in good reparations; and are they imployed to godly, and their right holy vses: if any be ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default. Is your Church, Chancell, and Chappel decently and comely kept, aswell within as without, and be the seats well maintained, the steeple and bells preserued, the windowes well glazed, the floore kept paued, plaine and euen, and all things in orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noysome or vnseemely for the house of God, as is prescribed in an Homily to that effect, and the 85. Canon.

Keeping cleane of Churches.

Fencing and keeping the Churchyard.

4 *Item*, Whether be your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse; if not, whose default is it: hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Churchyard. Haue any vsed a place consecrated to holy vse prophanely or wickedly: haue any quarrelled or stricken another in Church or Churchyard: haue any annoyed your Churchyard or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of cloathes, or by laying there any dust, dung, or other filthines.

Profaning and annoying the Churchyard.

Churches vacant.

5 *Item*, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent; if vacant, who receiueth the fruits thereof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authoritie: And whether is it a Parsonage, Vicaridge, or Donatiue, or Appropriation.

Concealing of Church goods.

6 *Item*, What legacies haue been giuen to the vse and benefit of your Church, how haue they been bestowed: who receiued them, and detaineth them without due imployment. Doth any detaine or embezell any

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of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vſes.

Erecting vp ſeats and pues.

7 *Item*, Whether is there any erecting of pewes, or innovating of ſeats in your Church by any priuate man of his own authority: and what ſeats haue bin ſo built, and by whoſe procurement, and by what authoritie.

Defacing of ſeemely Ornaments.

8 *Item*, Whether hath any in your pariſh defaced, or cauſed to be defaced any monuments or ornaments in your Church.

Burying of Popiſh Recuſants.

9 *Item*, Whether hath any Popiſh Recuſant beeing lawfully excommunicated, been enterred or buried in your Church or Churchyard, before abſolution of that cenſure and excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when.

Alienation of tithes and profits of the Church.

10 *Item*, Whether be not the profits, tithes, and other commodities Eccleſiaſticall, impiouſly and wickedly to the diſhonour of Almightie God, and preiudice of the ſacred miniſterie, conuerted to the vſe and benefit of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they been ſo vſed to your knowledge.

A terrier of Gleblands and other poſſeſſions of the Church.

11 *Item*, Whether haue you the Terrier of all the gleab-lands, meadowes, gardens, orchyards, houſes, ſtocks, implements, tenements, and portions of Tythes (whether within your pariſh or without) belonging vnto your parſonage or vicaridge, taken by the view of honeſt men, in your ſaid pariſh. And whether the ſaid Terrier be laid vp in the Biſhops Regiſtrie, and in whoſe hands are any of them now. And if you haue no Terrier alreadie made in parchment, you the Churchwardens and Sidemen, together with your Parſon or Vicar, or in his abſence your Curate, are to make diligent inquiry, and preſentment of the premiſes, and make, ſubſcribe, and ſigne the ſaid Terrier, as aforeſaid.

Articles concerning Miniſters, and Preachers of Gods holy word.

Titul. 4. Degrees of Miniſters.

FIrſt, Whether is your Miniſter, Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, a graduate in either of the Vniuerſities, or no: if yea, then of what degree. Is he a publike Preacher of Gods word, and by whom is he ſo licenſed.

Obſeruation of the forme, and time of common Praier, and Sacraments.

2 *Item*, Whether doth your Miniſter diſtinctly, and reuerently ſay Diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holidayes, and other daies appointed to be obſerued by the booke of Common Prayer, as Wedneſdayes, and Fridayes, and the Eues of euery Sunday and Holiday, at fit and vſuall times. And doth your Miniſter duely obſerue the orders, Rites, and Ceremonies preſcribed in the ſaid Booke of Common prayer, as well in reading all publique praiers, and the Letanie, as alſo in adminiſtring the Sacraments, ſolemnization of matrimonie, viſitation of the ſicke, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites, and offices of the Church, in ſuch manner & forme, as in the ſaid book of cõmon prayer is enioyned, without any omiſſion or addition of any thing.

And doth he read the booke of the last Canons yearely.

Continuall wearing of the Surplice.

3 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister alwaies, and at euerie time both morning and euening, reading Diuine Seruice, and administring the Sacraments, & other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons, and doth he neuer omit wearing of the same at such times.

Obseruation of Rites.

4 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister bid holidaies and fasting daies, as is appointed. Doth he administer the holy Communio euery moneth, or thrice in the yeare at least, wherof once at Easter to euery parishioner: doth he receiue the same himselfe on euery day that he administreth it to others, and vseth he the words of Institution according to the booke, without alteration, at euery time that the bread and wine is renewed. Doth he vse and neuer omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme, or doth he euer baptize in any Eason or other thing but the vsuall Font. Doth he marrie without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall Licence from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chauncellour first had and obteyned.

Preachers without licence.

5 *Item*, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licenced or no: If no, whether doth he take vpon him in his own Cure or elswhere to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keep himselfe only to the reading of Homilies published by Authority: if so, thē you are to present the same, the time and place where he did it. And if he be licensed, doth he preach vsually according to the 45. Canon, in his owne cure, or some other neighbour Church, where no preacher is: doth he preach standing, and with his hat off. Or whether doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, read an Homily, or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe.

Reading Homilies when there is no Sermon.

Preaching of false doctrine, and new opinions.

6 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Sermons, any doctrine which is new and strange, & disagreeing from the word of God, & from the Articles of Christian faith and religion agreed on and published *Ann. Dom.* 1562. or whether doth they teach any thing, which they would haue the people religiously to obserue, and beleeue, but that which is agreeable to the Scriptures, and that which the Catholike Fathers and auncient Bishops haue gathered out of that doctrine, according to the Canon.

Names of strange Preachers to be take.

7 *Item*, Whether are any Ministers admitted to preach in your Church, who doth not before the Churchwardens subscribe their names in your booke for that purpose, the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach. And is any one admitted to preach before he sheweth his licence.

Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

8 *Item*, Doth any preacher in your pulpit particularly impugne and confute any doctrine deliuered by others his fellow preachers, before he

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hath acquainted the Bishop of the Dioces therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case.

Praying for his Maiestie, &c.

9 *Item*, Doth your Minister vse alwaies to pray for the Kings Maiestie, the Queene, Prince, Clergie, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles as in the Canon is required.

Non residence of the Minister.

10 *Item*, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Benefice, or absent; if absent, by whom is the cure serued, the fruits receiued. Doth your Minister or Curate serue any more cures then one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he serue, and how farre are they distant.

Catechising.

11 *Item*, Whether doth he catechize the youth of his Parish vpon Sundaies and holidaies before Euening praier for halfe an houre, or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of common praier: and whether doe all the Parishioners diligently attend his catechising, and who refuse to send their children and seruants to be catechized by him.

Ministers to cal for releefe of the poore, and almes deeds.

12 *Item*, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the releife of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his parishioners to giue somewhat according to their abilitie, to godly and charitable vses, especially when they make their wills.

Symonie.

13 *Item*, Whether is your Minister suspected, or knowne to haue obteined his Benefice, or spirituall promotion by any symoniacall compact, directly or indirectly.

Demising of benefices.

14 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any lay-man, aboue one yeare, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitalitie vpon his Benefice beeing of sufficient value.

Conferring with Recusants

15 *Item*, Whether hath he beeing learned and sufficient, conferred with the Popish Recusants of his parish, endeauouring to reclaime them from their errours, and presenting them beeing obstinate for their Recusancie.

Obseruing of Rogation week

16 *Item*, Doth your Minister in the Rogation daies goe in perambulation of the circuit of the parish, saying and vsing the praiers, suffrages, and thanksgiuing to God, appointed by lawe, according to his duty, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and fauour.

Preaching, &c. in priuate houses.

17 *Item*, Hath your Minister or any other preacher made any Sermons, administred the Sacraments, or Churched women in any priuate houses, otherwise then is by law allowed.

Curates not licenced, and lay men doing offices of a minister.

18 *Item*, What Curats, or Preachers doe read Praiers, or administer the Sacraments in your Parish, without lawfull licence from the Bishop of the Dioceese vnder his hand and seale, according to the Canon: or doth any Layman, not hauing holy orders, presume to read publike praiers in the Church.

Lecturers and Preachers to read seruice.

19 *Item*, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your parish,

and whether (if any such be) he doth twice at the least euery yeare read himselfe Diuine Seruice both morning and euening two seuerall Sundaies publiquely in his Surplice; and also twice in the yeare administer both Sacraments, with such rites and ceremonies as are prescribed in the booke of Common Prayer, according to the 56. Canon.

Conuersation of the Minister.

20 *Item*, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from mechanicall trades, or labour not befitting his function, and from apparell vnseemely for his calling, and from gaming, swearing, and drunkennesse, or such notorious crimes: or is there any in your parish, who hauing been admitted into holy orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish and forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay-man.

Ministers forsaking their calling.

Ministers reuealing priuate confessions.

21 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister before the seuerall times of the administration of the Lords Supper, admonish and exhort his parishioners, if they haue their consciences troubled and disquieted, to resort vnto him, or some other learned Minister, and open his greife, that he may receiue such ghostly counsell and comfort, as his conscience may be releiued, and by the Minister he may receiue the benefit of absolution, to the quiet of his conscience, and auoiding of the scruple? And if any man confesse his secret and hidden sinnes beeing sicke or whole to the Minister, for the vnburthening of his conscience, and receiuing such spirituall consolation, doth or hath the said Minister at any time reuealed and made knowne to any person whatsoeuer, any crime or offence so committed to his trust and secrecie, contrarie to the 113. Canon.

Titul. 5.

Articles concerning Matrimonie.

Marriage within Leuiticall degrees.

FIrst, Whether be there any in your Parish that haue married within the degrees of affinity, or consanguinitie by the law of God forbidden; if any, what be they.

Priuate marriage, and without consent of parents.

2 *Item*, Whether haue any beene married secretly in priuate houses, or without their parents or gouernours consent signified, beeing vnder the age of 21. yeares.

Married persons liuing apart.

3 *Item*, Whether doe any persons lawfully married liue asunder vnlawfully, and in whom is the default.

Marriage without banes, and licence.

4 *Item*, Whether any persons, (the banes beeing not thrice published in the Church,) haue beene married without licence, who were present at such marriages, and what Minister married them.

Persons married out of their parishes.

5 *Item*, Whether any persons by licence or without haue beene married in your Parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your Towne.

Recusants marriage.

6 *Item*, What Popish Recusants or their children haue been married

ed in your parish, in what sort was that matrimonie solemnized, when and by whom.

7 *Item*, Is there any in your parish that is voyced, noted, and credibly reported and accused to haue too wiues liuing, or two husbands. Bigamy.

Articles concerning the Churchwardens. *Titul. 6.*

FIrst, Whether be the Churchwardens chosen by the Minister and parishioners, according to the 89. Canon, and whether hath any taken vpon him to be Churchwarden beeing not so chosen? Or hath any continued aboue one yeare in his office without a new choise. Election of Churchwardens

2 *Item*, Whether haue any Churchwardens reteined any of the Church goods, and not made a iust accompt of what they haue receiued and expended. Churchwardens due accompt.

3 *Item*, Haue they been and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common praier, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there be no disturbance, but soberneſse and quietneſse in the Church. And doe the Churchwardens keepe a booke in your Parish, wherein the name of euery strange Preacher in your Parish is set downe; and haue the Churchwardens suffered any to preach not shewing or hauing no licence. Churchwardens diligent in the Church. A booke for strange Preachers.

Articles concerning the Parishioners. *Titul. 7.*

FIrst, Whether do any in your parish prophane the Sunday by vnlawfull games, drinking, or tipling in the time of Common prayer, or Sermon; and by working, and doing the ordinarie workes of their vocation and trades. Profaning the Lords day.

2 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish that doe impugne or speak against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them; and the gouernement of this Church vnder his Maiestie by Archbishops, Bishops, and other ecclesiasticall officers. Impugning the Rites and gouernement of the Church.

3 *Item*, Who in your Parish doe come to the Sermon onely, and not to diuine seruice, and who doe not reuerently behaue themselues during the time of diuine seruice, deuoutly kneeling when the generall Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the tenne Commaundements, and all Prayers, and Collects are read: and vsing all duly and lowly reuerence when the blessed name of the Lord Iesus is mentioned, and standing vp when the Articles of the Beleife, the *Magnificat*, *Nunc dimittis*, the *Te Deum*, *Benedictus*, and *Gloria Patri*, *&c.* are read, or who doe couer their heads in the Church, during the whole time of diuine seruice, vnlesse it be in case of necessitie, in which case they may weare a nightcap. Or who doe giue themselues to babling, talking, or walking, and are not atten- Reuerent behauiour at diuine seruice

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tiue to heare the word read and preached.

4 *Item*, Is there any of your parish hauing a preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other preachers; or doe any in your parish communicate, or baptize their children in any other parish.

xception against the Minister.

5 *Item*, is there any in your parish that refuse to haue their children baptised, or themselues to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him; or haue any wiues that refuse to come to Church according to the booke of Common prayer, to giue thanks to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habit, as hath been auncientlie accustomed.

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6 *Item*, Hath any in your parish spoken slaunderous and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their marriage or wiues, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance.

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7 *Item*, Whether do any in your Parish exercise any trade, or labour, buy or sell; or keep open shops, or set out any wares to be sold vpon Sundayes and Holidayes by themselues, their seruants, or apprentices, or haue otherwise prophaned the said daies.

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8 *Item*, Whether is the 24. of March, the 5. of August, and the 5. of Nouember kept holy, and thanksgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe.

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9 *Item*, Is there any in your parish that be, or are commonly knowne or reputed, to be blasphemers of Gods holy name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, concealors or harbourers of fornicators or adulterers: haue any beene detected of such notorious crimes, and what penance haue they done for the same.

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10 *Item*, What corporall punishment for any such offences, haue been commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or summe of money by any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, exercising iurisdiction within this Dioceese by vertue of any graunt or commission; or what was the summe of money by them or any of them so receiued and taken, and to what vses was the same bestowed: or whether vpon such commutations, was the vnfained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church.

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11 *Item*, What person or persons haue died and departed this mortal life, since the 2. day of February last past, and whether did they make any last wills or Testaments, and who were their executors, or whether died they intestate, and who hath the administration of their goods; and what be the names of such deceased, and executors, and administrators.

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12 *Item*, Whether haue any in your parish administred the goods of any person deceased without lawfull authoritie, and before hee or they

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haue prooued the will and Teſtament of the partie deceaſed, or haue obtained Commiſſion from the Ordinarie to diſpoſe the ſaid mooueable goods; or are there any wills vnprooued, or goods not adminiſtred.

13 *Item*, What perſons be excommunicate within your Pariſh, and for what cauſe to your knowledge: and whether do any of them repaire to the Church, in time of Prayer vnabſolued. Excommunicate perſons.

Titul. 8.

Articles concerning Schoolemaſters, Phyſitians, and Chyrurgions, and Pariſh Clarks.

FIrſt, is there any Schoolemaſter in your Pariſh that teacheth publikely or priuately, not licenſed by the Ordinarie the Biſhop of the Dioceſſe. Doth he teach any Papiſts or Sectaries children, that come not to Church. And doth he inſtruct all his ſchollers to learne the ſhorter Catechiſme by law eſtabliſhed, contained in the booke of common Praier. Is he a graduate, and ſufficient to teach. Schoolemaſters not licenced. Dutie of all Schoolemaſters

2 *Item*, What Phyſitian or Chyrurgion is in your pariſh vnlicenſed, and beeing not a Doctor of phyſicke in either of the Vniuerſities, doth practiſe phyſicke. And what ignorant perſons haue left their trade, and taken vpon them to profeſſe Phyſicke or Chyrurgerie; and who be they that ſo abuſe the people. Phyſitians not licenced.

3 *Item*, Haue you a fit pariſh-Clarke, aged 20. yeares at leaſt, of honeſt life, able to read and write. Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud; if not, then whoſe default is it. By whom is he choſen: is he diligent in his office, and ſeruiceable to the Miniſter; doth he meddle with any thing aboue his office; doth he keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked. Is any thing loſt and ſpoiled by his default, and doth he execute his office duly. Pariſh Clarks.

Titul. 9.

Articles concerning Eccleſiaſticall offices.

FIrſt, Whether be there any eccleſiaſticall officers that exerciſe eccleſiaſticall iuriſdiction within this Dioceſſe, that take and receiue, or exact any extraordinarie and exceſſiue fees for any cauſe. Whether haue your Churchwardens and Queſtmen, concealed any abuſes or offences puniſhable in the Eccleſiaſticall Court; and whether ſuch offences beeing preſented are ſuppreſſed and vnpuniſhed. Exceſſiue fees.

2 *Item*, Whether is there not a Table of Fees in euery Court, of the Conſiſtorie, Archdeacons, and Commiſſaries, allowed & ſubſcribed by the Iudge and Regiſter of the Court of Conſiſtory *Anno Dom.* 1597. and the ſame euery Court day hung vp in ſome publique place of the Court, and Regiſtry. Table of fees in Courts.

3 *Item*, Doth any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge ſpeed any act in any cauſe Speeding of acts without a Notarie.

priuately of himselfe, and not in presence of some publike Notarie or Actuarie.

Abuses in Apparitors and Sumners.

4 *Item*, Whether is there any excessiue number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Dioceſſe; or haue any of them vnder pretence of authoritie cited or summoned any person vnlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sinne, or the auoiding of punishment of the offenders, and who be they that haue done so; or doe they take any fees not accustomable. Haue they threatned any to prosecute them if they had no reward, and doe they summon any without a Citation first had.

Abuses in Ecclesiasticall offices.

5 *Item*, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, or officer, Aduocate, Register, Procter, Clarks, or other such ministers any way abused themselues in their offices, contrarie to the law and Canons in that behalfe prouided.

Sincerity and impartialitie in the Inquisitors.

6 *Item*, Lastly, Whether haue you and euery of you, sincerely, vprightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, presented and made known all and euery the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in truth to be, or by common fame reported.

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall cognisance, you are to present the same.

The Ministers of euerie Parish may ioyne in presentment with the Churchwardens and Side-men, and if they will not present, then the Ministers themselues (beeing the persons that should haue the cheife care for the suppressing of sinne and impietie in their parishes) may present the Crimes aforesaid, and such things as shall be thought to require due reformation. *Can.* 113.

There must be seuerall presentments made to euerie seuerall Article.

FINIS.

Hos Articulos sub hisce Titulis in hac visitatione, 1619. proponit inquirendos,

IO. NORVICENSIS.